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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and refers to the cooperative program facilitating space flight operations implemented in accordance with the Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning the use of Australian facilities by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the conduct of scientific balloon flights for civil research purposes, done at Canberra on 16 February 2006 ("the Agreement").

In view of the mutual benefits to be derived from our continued cooperation under this cooperative program, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that, in accordance with paragraph 18(a) of the Agreement, the Agreement be extended until June 12, 2022.

The Embassy further proposes that, if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Australia, then this note and the Government of Australia's affirmative note in reply shall together constitute an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia which shall enter into force on the date of the Department's note in reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Canberra, August 26, 2011.

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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and refers to the Embassy's Diplomatic Note No 11-155 dated 26 August 2011 in regard to the cooperative program facilitating space flight operations which reads as follows:

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The Department is pleased to advise that Australian domestic processes for entry into force of the extension of the Agreement until 12 June 2022 have been completed. The extension of the Agreement will enter into force on the date of this note with effect from 12 June 2012.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

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